

THE IOWA FRIEND

Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends



Praise the Lord

Malachi 3:10

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

Some of our members have asked already but I want to share how the Iowa Yearly Meeting Finances ended the year of 2014. At the end of November we had a negative balance of -\$19,111.01 of expenses verses income. When we closed the books on December 31 we ended the year with a negative balance -\$275.88. That translates to several churches and individuals giving year end gifts or extra support. I was doubtful on December 1 that we could do it, but again you all gathered and brought extra into our storehouse. I want to say thank you, and thank you to all.

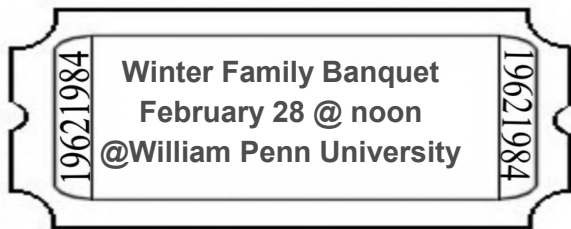
Campus Ministry at William Penn University

Since December 31 and the end of a salaried Campus Ministry position at WPU we are working to redefine and coordinate what is actually happening on campus right now. A new Campus Ministry Committee has been formed unto the guidance of the President, John Ottosson and I. Presently there are four different ministries active on campus. Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Intervarsity, Team Christ and Campus Worship service are all functioning. Campus Worship Service on Thursday mornings is being coordinated by Pastor James Tower from College Avenue Friends, FCA, Intervarsity and Team Christ are all working with a singleness of purpose and that is the Ministry of Jesus Christ for students but each in a different manner and timeframe. Our present task for the Ministry Committee is to clarify how we can all work together in a coordinated fashion. We are having a meeting on February 10th with the intent of arriving at some decisions then. Scott Biddle has been charged with spending up to five hours per week to help oversee that coordination.

Mesquakie Friends Church

On January 31 in a called meeting of the Mesquakie Friends Board, with all members present on or on phone, the decision was made to no longer continue Deneen Ahumada's contract as Director of the Mesquakie Friends Church. All programs and services are suspended through the end of March 2015. Deneen will be paid thru the month of February but her responsibilities were relieved effective January 31, 2015. During the month of March the Mesquakie Board will reevaluate the future direction for Mesquakie Friends and give a report at the Spring Body of Representatives, on March 21 at Fairfield, Iowa.

~Ronald K. Bryan
General Superintendent



Our family banquet will have a change in the program. Ron Bryan and Lloyd Stangeland will present the new work start up by Quakers in Tanzania. Ron and Lloyd have been there and are have a first hand report with pictures and are excited to share their experience.



Don't forget the **pie auction**.

It is a phenomenal event in itself and is not forgotten by any who have experienced the action.

Reservations are \$12 per ticket and \$13 at the door. We need reservations turned in by Monday, February 16th. Late reservations can still be made by the following Monday, Feb. 23rd, and this will be the deadline for reservations. There will be some extra tickets at the door for any who can't reserve in advance. Reservations can be paid at the door to save the hassle of using the mail.

Reservations can be made to

Chuck Watson: charleswatson902@msn.com Phone 641) 673-3755 or 902 Penn Boulevard, Oskaloosa, Ia. 52577.

Also **Bill McCracken:** wcmccracken@hotmail.com phone 319) 694-3265 or 3381 Elm Ave., Brighton, IA 52540



The new maintenance/storage building is taking shape and will be ready to use by this summer! It is located at the far end of the RV area and will provide a much needed area to store machinery and equipment. Also, camp qualified for a Trees Forever grant and will be planting new trees this spring! Date to be announce for this event.

Camp work day for the spring.... April 11th



CAMP QUAKER HEIGHTS MEMOIR



The camp board is gathering camp pictures and 2 sentence descriptions for a camp memoir. Contact camp if you have something to contribute. If you don't have pictures you can still contribute a memory in writing. We will organize it all from there.

Email @ campquakerheights@gmail.com

Mailing address: 22605 V Ave.
Eldora, IA 50627

In Memory of

Thelma May Forbes

March 21, 1919 – January 1, 2015

New Year's Day 2015 meant not only a new calendar, but also a new address for Thelma Forbes who left this world to join her Lord and Savior in heaven. A natural-born teacher, she fittingly leaves behind an outstanding 95-year legacy of life lessons from which we all can learn.

Lesson 1: Gentle Authority. Thelma was warm and welcoming, always smiling, and taking control in a soft-spoken, gentle way. She was never angry and didn't yell or even raise her voice. But, make no mistake—she was in charge of her many classrooms.

Lesson 2: Genuine. Thelma was the same person everywhere. Whether she was in a classroom, at the store, at home, at card club, or in church, Thelma was Thelma. No pretenses.

Lesson 3: Faithful. Thelma accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior when she was 13 years old. From then on, she loved Him with unwavering devotion that included daily Bible reading and constant prayer. Her faith in God was an every day, all the time thing. Thelma started teaching Sunday School when she was 15 years old, and kept at it until she retired 75 years later—at the age of 90.

Lesson 4: Teacher. Thelma was the original life-long learner whose love of science and wealth of knowledge simply oozed out of her. She was enamored by the world God created, especially the beautiful flowers and the many varieties of rocks. A teacher by trade (graduating from Iowa State Teacher's College in 1940 and Drake University with a BA in 1965,) she was a passionate instructor whose classroom was wherever she was and whoever she was with, patiently explaining her latest lesson to the kids she loved so much.

Lesson 5: Talented. Thelma had a knack for creating, whether it was in the kitchen, with the sewing machine, or via knitting needles or crochet hooks. Thelma was recycling before it even came in vogue, saving everyday items and turning them into incredible craft creations.

Lesson 6: Service. Thelma freely gave her time and talents to help others, as is evidenced by the many clubs to which she belonged. She prepared and served Vacation Bible School snacks (many of them intricate creations!) for 22 years at LeGrand Friends Church. Her treats were so popular, the church prepared a booklet of Thelma's VBS recipes which were given out at her Sunday School retirement celebration.

We will miss her twinkling eyes, kind heart, and open arms. But the life-lessons this teacher leaves behind will long be remembered. A celebration of her life took place January 4, 2015 with Pastor Alan Mullikin officiating. She was laid to rest in LeGrand Friends Cemetery next to her husband, Harry, who pre-deceased her. She leaves behind two children: Larry and Beverly, as well as grandchildren Karri, Kalisha, and Kelly and eight great-grandchildren.

Missions Moment EASTER OFFERING for TANZANIA

Iowa Yearly Meeting Missions Board invites you to help with a special Easter project. Through Ron Bryan's visits to Friends in southern Tanzania we have been given a glimpse of how God is working through a small group of Friends to expand the kingdom of God.

God is using these people to not only grow a church in their own area around Kyela but they have already started five churches in Dar Es Salaam and they are planning how to share the message of God's love in the bordering country of Malawi.

Some people in Iowa have already provided three motorcycles to improve travel so three pastors can move about more efficiently. Friends in Tanzania are choosing to build a church in Kyela that can also serve as their headquarters for Friends in southern Tanzania. **They are doing much of the work themselves and are committed to raising at least 20% of the needed funds for buying materials. The anticipated total cost for the building is \$30,000. However, they are wanting to raise the funds incrementally as they move forward in the process. Right now they need around \$3000 for the materials to raise the walls.**

The Missions Board would like to ask if you would be willing to give a special Easter contribution to provide funding for our Tanzanian Friends to move forward with their hope of completing the walls for this building. Whatever you give will be appreciated. We believe this is a worthy project where we can join God as He leads Friends in southern Tanzania.

Please send your contribution to the Missions Board Treasurer, Dorothy Taylor, 1121 Parkway Drive, Boone, IA 50036-5046 and as you give your gifts, will you pray for these committed Friends in southern Tanzania and their ministry.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important project.

In Christ, Mary Glenn Hadley, Clerk

TRIENNIAL 2016 Committees/ Needs

Calling all interested individuals to serve IAYM in making the July 2016 Triennial event the best ever!! We are on the path towards celebration of our faith with the global Friends community as we share together in the great state of Iowa.

The theme is "Joy in His Presence" from Psalm 16:11

Where could you best serve?

The following committees are essential. If you are interested in serving on one or want further information please let the chair of the committee know or if there is no one listed contact

Deb Savage at adsavage@mac.com or Kerry Hadley at kerryhadley1@hotmail.com

Committees highlighted in **BOLD** still need a chair. All committees can use additional members. We hope to hear from you...

Banner—create a banner using the theme, colors and logo

General Hospitality -- Greeting our guests

Babysitter—for the occasional child needing care during meetings

Banquet—opening banquet—table décor, theme, food ideas, favors

Displays-- these are various groups that want a visual display

Publicity--advertising and promoting the event to all Yearly Meeting publications

Marketplace --various goods that can be sold. Adding "farmers market" concept to this event. In the past it has mainly been the Kenyans who sell their wares to help defray their expenses. We want to enlarge upon this.

Photographer—to record and take pictures

Welcome packet—packet to go out to all registered with schedule and needed information

Hospitality for International Guests Mary Glenn/Ann Nichols

Children Jacque Wilbur

Flowers Lorrie Ludwig/Millie/Becci

Food service Cathie Zeliadt

Music Jan Palmer

Name tags, meal tickets Cathie Zeliadt

Morning Worship Karen Mendenhall

Totes, contents CAF/Lisa Burmeister

Pres /Missionary. Luncheon --College Avenue Friends

Mixer Luncheon— Deb Savage

Daily Newsletter Pat Brainard

Medical contacts Deb and Dr. Savage

Tours Quaker Men

Prayer committee/labrynth Rita Davis

Transportation Lloyd Stangeland

Bookstore Nancy Stevens

Other "jobs" may be available as plans become more clear for each committee so if you don't see what you want just let us know you are interested. Thanks!!



Marriage Conference

Spring 2015

Topic: Improve your marriage by focusing on Jesus

When: Saturday March 28, 2015

8am-5pm

Where: Bethany Bible Chapel
4507 Rownd Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Speakers: 4 area pastors and
2 non-profit ministry leaders

Cost: \$25 per couple,
\$15 per individual

Lunch will be provided

Childcare will be available for \$10/day/
student with lunch included



Scholarships Opportunities

IOWA UNITED SOCIETY OF
FRIENDS WOMEN
William Penn University Schol-
arship Fund

Guidelines

Following are guidelines for the selection of candidates for Iowa United Society of Friends Women William Penn University Scholarship.

- The Scholarship Committee shall consider applications for scholarships and make decisions as to recipients.
- The amount of the scholarship will be determined by need of the applicant and by funds available.
- The candidate shall be a participating member of Iowa Yearly Meeting.
- A candidate from Iowa Yearly Meeting shall have successfully completed secondary education requirements and shall have been accepted by William Penn University.
- **Applications must be received by April 14, 2015.**
- To be considered for a scholarship for the succeeding academic year, recipients must submit a request to the committee each year.
- Scholarships shall only be awarded for a maximum of four (4) academic years.

The IAYM Mission's Board

is offering a college scholarship of up to \$1000 for the 2015-16 academic school year. People within Iowa Yearly Meeting who want to **pursue an education at a Christian college or an accredited college or seminary to prepare for full time mission's work with a Friend's organization** may contact the Mission's Board to receive an application. For the 2015-2016 scholarship, please contact Mary Glenn Hadley, IAYM Mission's Board, 611 South R St. #6, Indianola, IA 50125 or call 515-961-0606.

The deadline is March 1, 2015.



**USFW is having our Spring Fling at
Lynnville Friends Church in Lynnville
on Saturday, March 28, 2015.
The theme is, "Here I am, Lord. Send me!"
Isaiah 6:8.**

We've been focusing on Missions and our upcoming 2016 Triennial that will be held in Cedar Rapids.

Registration at 9:30am with light refreshments

The program will be from 10:00am to noon with a delicious lunch served and then a concluding program from 1:00pm to 2:00pm.

It's a fun day with worship, speaking, missions focus and fellowship!

To register, please email

**Lyn Kinney at mirror@netins.net or
call her at (641) 527-3922.**

The price remains at \$10 for the entire day that includes lunch. Bring Friends and family and come ready for fun and fellowship!"

Iowa Yearly Meeting CALENDAR of Upcoming Events

2015

February

2/28 Winter Family Banquet
@MTC at William Penn

March

3/7 BOC @ College Avenue Friends
3/11-14 Ron to Mexico City for FWCC Meeting
3/21 Spring Body of Representatives
@ Fairfield Friends

April

4/6-8 Pastors Short Course @ Oskaloosa

June

6/5-7 Young Adult Weekend Camp
6/12-14 Little Fry Camp
6/14-19 Jr/Sr High Camp
6/21-25 Elementary Camp

July

7/29—8/1 Yearly Meeting at WPU

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FEB 20

Middle School the Lock-In

WORSHIP

IAYM Youth Ministries

Blizzard Blast

Drop Off:
Feb. 20
6:00 pm
Marshalltown
1st Friends Church

What to Bring...
Gym Clothes
Swim suit
Towel
A friend

Pick up:
Feb. 21
6:00 am
Marshalltown
YMCA